

DOWNTOWN COMMITTEE

August 10, 2026

The August 10, 2026 Downtown Committee meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers by Tom Karcher, Chairperson. Downtown Committee members present were Tom Karcher, Marc Mays, Zach Morral, Nicole Morris, Kate Niederkohr, and Graham Treadway. Scott Moore was absent.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ethan Korte, Administrative Assistant; Brittney Walton, Wyandot County Chamber of Commerce; Heidi Moore; Kyle Treadway; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the July 13, 2026 Downtown Committee meeting, having been mailed to each Downtown Committee member, were approved as received.

Mrs. Heidi Moore, Creekside Boutique and Marketplace, requested approval for food trucks to be located in the downtown from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 22, 2026 and Friday, October 24, 2026 as part of the monthly cruise nights.

A motion was made by Mr. Treadway, seconded by Mr. Morral, to approve food trucks to be located in the downtown from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 22, 2026 and Friday, October 24, 2026 as part of the monthly cruise nights, as requested. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Mrs. Brittney Walton addressed the Downtown Committee indicating that the First Thursday event held on Thursday, August 6, 2026 was well attended and a safer event than the July 2, 2026 First Thursday event. Mrs. Walton requested to continue to have the 100 blocks of North Sandusky Avenue and South Sandusky Avenue closed for the September 3, 2026 First Thursday event and keep Wyandot Avenue open to accommodate for the current roadway detours as a result of construction of the Interceptor Sewer Project taking place on North Warpole Street. Mrs. Walton indicated that she wants to make sure plans going forward are not changed and inquired as to who has the authority to make changes and what committee meeting should she attend to request road closures. Mr. Karcher stated that clarification is needed as to which committee needs to decide on road closures. Mayor McColly indicated that there was a miscommunication with the Safety Committee as he only intended to inform them of the First Thursday downtown road closures but instead they unexpectedly voted to change the road closure to allow only the 100 block of South Sandusky Avenue to be closed for the First Thursday events in August and September. Mayor McColly stated his feeling that the road closures in the downtown area are the decision of the Downtown Committee.

Discussion was held regarding road closures in the downtown area for the annual Wyandot Classics and Cruisers 25th Autumn Cruise being planned for Saturday, September 26, 2026. It was noted that a request from the car club was presented to and approved by the Safety Committee at their April 6, 2026 meeting to close the roads in the downtown for this event. Mayor McColly indicated that Mr. Brad Taylor, Street and Sanitation Supervisor, will have to work out these road closures with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT).

Mr. Kyle Treadway, Traum Brewing, addressed the Downtown Committee regarding the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA) cups indicating that businesses are going thru too many cups too quickly and businesses will be out of DORA cups before the Autumn Cruise takes place on Saturday, September 26, 2026. Mr. Treadway presented his idea and a sample of a 2" x 2" DORA sticker that businesses could place on cups they purchase. Mrs. Walton stated that in the fall of 2025 she secured six (6) donors who donated \$1,000.00 each and ten thousand (10,000) DORA cups were ordered and some businesses have already run out of DORA cups. Mrs. Walton noted that businesses have indicated to her that the cost of the DORA cups is too much, and she thinks businesses would be willing to be responsible for the purchase of their own cups and DORA stickers. Mayor McColly indicated that he has spoken with Mr. Ben Buckland, Law Director, and Mr. Buckland has recommended that the Downtown Committee make a recommendation to City Council to amend the DORA regulations to allow for DORA stickers.

A motion was made by Mr. Mays, seconded by Mrs. Niederkohr, to recommend to City Council to use DORA stickers on clear plastic cups. Upon Voice Vote, all members voted Yes. The Chairperson declared the motion carried.

Mr. Ethan Korte presented information for possible window decal stickers for food truck licenses issued by the City that could be provided to vendors instead of the current letter sized paper beginning in 2027. Mr. Korte noted that the cost of fifty (50) stickers would be \$120.00 and the cost of one hundred (100) stickers would be \$140.00. Mr. Korte will present an official design of the City's decal sticker at the next Downtown Committee meeting.

Mr. Korte also suggested the food truck licensing dates be changed to March 31 to March 31, instead of the current licensing dates of January 1st to December 31st each year. Mrs. Brittney Walton indicated that the dates were just changed this year and she heard from food truck vendors who were not happy about the change that was made this year due the permits previously being issued for one year from the date of issue and permits not being prorated as a result of the change made this year.

Downtown Committee members inquired about the food truck that has been parked at the Sunoco drive thru/gas station located at 325 North Sandusky Avenue. Mr. Korte indicated that the ownership of this food truck is being transferred between family relatives, and the new owner obtained a temporary food license through the Health Department which expired, and the new owner is currently waiting on the necessary food license from the Health Department. A license from the City for the food truck has obtained, but the owner must have a food license from the Health Department to operate.

Mr. Korte requested the food truck locations on the map attached to the food truck ordinance be changed to excluded zones based on restaurant waivers and handicap parking. Mayor McColly expressed an inquiry as to if the 100' mentioned in the restaurant waiver is the industry standard.

Downtown Committee members agreed to review the City's food truck and DORA regulations in the coming months to address any needed changes for next year.

Mr. Karcher inquired about the City's sidewalk ordinance and if free libraries are allowable without a permit. It was noted that Mr. Ben Buckland has indicated that the ordinance regulating sidewalk permits is not designed to charge for this purpose as this is a charitable feature that does not violate the City's ordinance. Downtown Committee members agreed that there are no issues with free libraries.

There being no further business, the Chairperson declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Tom Karcher, Chairperson